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Southeast News.

New Madrid Missourian.

Preliminary steps are now being taken to convert the New Madrid and Sikeston road, a distance of twenty miles, into a fine rock road over which the automobiles can make the trip in about thirty minutes and other vehicles can spin at a satisfactory rate, putting the two towns in close touch with each other.

New Madrid Record.

Cap and Gus Richards and lawyer S. Rutledge caught 167 fine crappie and bass at the forks of St. John Bayou last Wednesday. The story is that Cap caught 36, Gus 80 and Rutledge 51, and they brought the whole lot to town to decorate a window in Mr. Richards' undertaking establishment. We are expecting to hear that somebody has swiped the fish.

At Poplar Bluff, according to the Citizen-Democrat, Albert Stephenson got beastly drunk the night of December 11, and drove his wife and five small children out of doors and forced them to remain out in the cold barefooted and otherwise scantily clad, until they sought the shelter and protection of a neighbor who called an officer. The gentleman was then persuaded to have an interview with a gentleman at the courthouse and now he has a job with the city.

Caruthersville Democrat.

The other day a merchant of Blytheville opened a barrel of apples and found a note from the producer with his address. He said that he had received 75 cents for the barrel and wanted the merchant who opened it to report what he had to pay for it. The merchant promptly wrote him that he had to pay \$5.50 for it. Here is a case where \$4.75 had gone into the pockets of the railroad and wholesaler. The high cost of living is explained by just such wholesale robbery as this. The retailer had to pay 25 cents a dozen for the apples.

Bismarck Gazette.

John Finn, superintendent of the work on the new bridge south of town, reports a very peculiar incident in connection with the work of putting in the abutments. The excavation is about 40 feet from the river and at a depth of about 5 feet below the bed of the river they struck a small stream of water that poured into the hole. In this water, which was clear, were numbers of fish, ranging in size from 1/2 inch to 5 inches in length. Besides this, several large bullheads were found.

[Now, say George! are you sure there were no snakes there? What brand of eider did you get hold of that time?]

Jackson Herald.

The Iron Mountain Jackson branch train, which runs between this city and Allenville, found it necessary Thursday to run down to Deits and take water for the engine. While making the trip "back up" to Allenville the engine suddenly overtook two men on a speeder going the same direction. The engineer instantly blew his whistle and reversed his engine, and one of the men jumped from the speeder, crying for the other man, W. T. Brase, to do the same, but instead, he went on, and the engine overtook him within a few yards, knocking him from the track and breaking every bone in his body. His body was taken to Allenville.

St. Louis Republic Dec. 18.

The body of a man who had been murdered and robbed was found in a clump of bushes between three large logs on a farm four miles north of Poplar Bluff this morning. A bath ticket of a Hot Springs establishment containing the name Ed Maass was the only thing dis-

covered that might lead to identification. The victim had been dragged seventy-five yards from the right of way of the Iron Mountain railroad, slain and his body almost completely hidden in its resting place of logs. A farmer seeking lost stock discovered the body, which had lain in the damp copse for several days.

Daisy Cor, Cape Republican.

We have been having some fine snow and now we have to take the mud, but don't mind the mud and snow, as we are having a hot old time in Daisy. It was reported that Daisy folks were too good for the cooler, but that is a mistake. There were five prisoners in the calaboose Friday night: Willie and Dewitt Smith, Monroe Crites, Fritz Wobbeck, and the blacksmith of Daisy, Mr. Bruner. The prisoners would kick the stove over and boiler and crow like roosters, while their little sons were standing on the outside crying. It was the first time the cooler ever did catch anybody, but when it did it got five at one time. Dewitt said, "Whooeee it, it will take my old woman three weeks to get over it," and Willie, he got a black eye. Hal Hal! These five men thought they would take Daisy, but Daisy took them and they paid fines, too, except Mr. Bruner, and he escaped. Now boys, the cooler has got a start and you had better be good. Try to beat the old married men; just show them that you can be better boys than they can men. Oh, yes, rather a sporting time in Daisy.

A Fine Record

Callaway county comes forward with the record for continuous voting at one election precinct. A resident of Ann Vasse township that county has voted at Portland precinct election for seventy years. His first ballot was in 1840, at which time he was twenty-two years of age. He has never voted at any other place than Portland and it is thought that his record is one which can not be exceeded anywhere. He voted the straight democratic ticket every time.—Exchange.

That's just what we've been telling you all the time, boys. It will prolong your life to vote right.

Steers Driven Up the River

A Clarksville, Mo., dispatch of Dec. 18 says: A load of steers was driven from Town island to Tibbits island on dry land in the middle of the Mississippi river yesterday.

It was a spectacle that never had been witnessed in the memory of Clarksville residents.

A sandbar extends from one island to the other, due to the low stage of the river, and the cattle, owned by Mayor Buchanan, followed this route.

John O. Roberts, president of the Clifford Banking company, who was a steamboat clerk in the '60s and has resided in Clarksville continuously since that time, says the river is lower here now than ever before.

Persons from Illinois drive half way across on dry sand and are met by the Clarksville ferry, which transports them to the Missouri shore, while north of town there is one place that can be waded from shore to shore.

This section has had no rain for three months and more than half the cisterns are dry, while ponds are getting low and wheat is suffering for moisture. Much of the wheat sown the latter part of October is not up.

Just Trust

"And what shall we say of Senator Smugg?"
"Just say he was always faithful to his trust."
"Shall we mention the name of the Trust?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

MADONNA OF THE TWILIGHT

The angel vanished; then arose
The virgin flushed with prayer,
And felt the brooding of repose
On all the evening air—
The moon a silver crescent gleamed
Above the midland sea,
And one lone star in twilight seemed
Its sentinel to be.

Then up and down the purple gloom
That holy in silence paced,
The lily and the rose in bloom
With kisses she embraced;
Or, from the easement, saw the springs
Of daylight fade and die,
And then, afar, great Gabriel's wings
Enfolding all the sky.

The ancient scrolls she then unrolled,
With tearful eye intent,
To find what prophecies of old
For her poor self were meant—
She read how age had followed age,
Converging all in one,
Till every symbol, page by page,
Grew radiant as the sun.

An awful splendor filled the room,
As when of old a cloud
Translucent with divested gloom
The temple did enshroud,
And rolled through all the courts and
And along
To altar, vase and shrine,
And incense for the people flung,
Charged with Stockinah's fire.

Bowed on the page, the virgin sank,
Dazed by the blinding sheen,
The hills, the moor, the stars a blank,
The flowers and meadows green—
But, lo! in rapturous vision shone
Sweet fields by angelic tread,
And, gleaming round the sea and throne
The stately steps of God.

Be still! Thou canst not know the way,
The mystery, the might—
How from the sun God brings the day,
And from the moon the night;
Or how a loving, thinking soul,
Out of the cosmic heat,
With every wave of life should roll,
And every rhythmic beat.

Thou know'st not how the lily's bloom
That touched the maiden's lips,
In cell and another fathom room;
Or, in the bee that sips
The honey from the fragrant bells,
How life was winged for it,
Or, when with love the bosom swells,
The eye with light is lit.

And yet in all the heavens afar,
And here beneath thy feet,
For these must every plant and star
The miracle repeat—
How from the brooding life of God,
Deep in the fabled moor,
Out of the formless sky and sod,
Each plant and star was born.

O, weary wanderer in wild
And solitary ways,
Behold! the virgin and her child,
The light of all thy days!
For, by the way of mortal birth,
There came the incarnate God,
The infinite hath stooped to earth
In human flesh and blood.
—W. H. Wynn, in Tacoma Ledger.

A Letter from Oregon

MIHARD, Ore., Dec. 10.—As it has been a long time since I have seen any items from Oregon in THE PRESS, I send you a few, as we Missourians out here have some old friends back there who will, we think, be glad to know we're yet alive.

I have been out West since 1881 and in Oregon since 1885. I have rented my farm and moved to a new town, near the state line, where I invested \$1800 in a feed barn and livey business. This is a live-stock shipping point, with considerable demand for feed for horses, cattle and sheep. In the year I have been here I have bought 245 tons of hay and fed nearly all of it.

Since Dec. 18, 1909, 230 cars of stock have been shipped from this station, and we will send out at least 300 cars more before spring.

This Oregon country is coming to life front in a hurry. There is more railroad work going forward in this state at present than in any other in the union. In the next three years new roads will be built across eastern Oregon, and the government will finish irrigation work at a cost of \$5,000,000.

Times are good out here. Horses, cattle and hogs are bringing top prices; hogs, on foot, 10 cents; eggs, 60 cents per dozen; butter, 40 cents; potatoes, \$1.75 per 100 pounds; wheat, 90 cents per bushel; chickens, \$5 to \$9 per dozen.

Paul Richt, formerly of Lutesville, has just sold a lot of turkeys at 18 cents, live weight. He has taken in more money from poultry and eggs this year than he would have made in Missouri in five years.

Pink Barks has a good crop of hay

and vegetables for which he has a ready market at good prices.

Ore assaying \$15 in gold per ton has been found near this place, creating some excitement. This is our last one and we develop something better. The new district is within three miles of Millard, and if it proves to be good we'll have a rush of miners that will give us all we can take care of.

My wife, formerly Aramint Johnson, and our two boys are in good health and glad to be where labor brings a good return. Her boys, with proper attention, supply all the quills and waxes.

With kindest regards to our Hollinger county relatives and friends.

WILLIAM BARKS.

Crops Worth Two Hundred Million.

The value of Missouri farm crops for the year 1910 is placed by F. C. Wilson, secretary of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, at \$199,546,661, or two hundred million dollars, in round numbers. The corn crop is estimated to be worth \$107,919,354; tame hay and forage, \$42,907,984; wheat, \$19,179,143; and oats \$7,603,183. The value of the tobacco crop is placed at \$841,674.

Farmers' Week at Columbia

The date of Missouri Farmers' Week, held annually at Columbia under the auspices of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture and Agricultural college, is January 19 to 23, 1911. With low railroad rates and with some of the nation's leading authorities on grain growing, live stock breeding, poultry raising and homemaking on the program, a record attendance is expected. A dozen farmers' organizations will also participate. Then there will be the big Missouri state corn show at the same time and place.

The week's exercises will close Friday night with the annual Agricultural college banquet, when State Farm beef, vegetables, fruit, ice cream and other good things will be served. A special attraction for Columbia visitors this year will be the wonderful cow, Missouri Joice, whose record-breaking milking performance will be completed just about the date of Farmers' Week.

Cass county hipped long enough to vote its county highway engineer out of office at the late election and the Harrisonville Democratic contingent. The office of highway engineer in Cass county was abolished by a majority of 54 votes against it. This is the small majority worked out of a total vote of 2,634 cast on the proposition, and the exceedingly small majority against it has caused the friends of the office to regret that they did not work harder and overcome such small figures. The denial of the proposition was due probably to a misunderstanding of the merits of the proposition all the way around. Those who recognized its merits in some communities did not do the work for it that they were capable of, because they felt it hopeless. Within the next year there will perhaps be an awakening to the fact that in abolishing the office of county highway engineer, the county has taken a backward step, and it is not improbable that the requests for a resubmission in two years from now to re-establish the office will be intensely more clamorous than the efforts to abolish it this time were.

Teachers' Meeting

The meeting of the teachers of Union and White water townships, held at Patton, was attended by several parents and other citizens, many young people and the following teachers:

Misses Lillian Zimmerman, Hannah McGuire, Cordeia J. and Aona C. Murray and Lydia Billinger, Mmes. K. V. Propst and Marie Caton, and Messrs. Andrew Seabaugh, Fred Mabuse, G. A. Seabaugh, K. V. Propst, J. A. McCullough, F. M. Jones, Charles W. Green and Medford Smith.

In the forenoon the Patton public school entertained the teachers with a well-rendered program that all seemed to enjoy.

The teachers and visitors discussed

various subjects during the afternoon. The meeting seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

We are glad to see the schools in our county making great progress. People are taking a greater interest in the school problem, and pupils are seeing more clearly the great opportunity offered them.

Hollinger county's educational interests are looking up. The county superintendent is the earnest friend of the rural schools and only needed the cooperation of the teachers.

Presbyterian Church Notes

The Christmas lesson for the Sunday school on Christmas day will be found in Luke 1:1-21. Let us use this passage for our lesson instead of having a review of the quarter's lessons. What we get out of this passage will bear directly on the day. Here we may learn of the advent of the Saviour, the angel announcement, "Fear is laid to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord," and the acclamation of "a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

There are no days in the year like Christmas and Easter. The one tells us of the Saviour's birth, the other tells us of His resurrection; the first signifies our being born of the spirit, the other our resurrection after death. Come and learn these lessons well. We need them and they will do us good.

Our regular prayer-meeting was to have been held this week at the home of Grandma Kinder, but will be postponed until next week. The topic for the evening will be, "Lessons from the Day's Scripture reading." The design is that each one tell of the truths impressed upon his own soul as he read the scripture lesson for the day. There being no other scripture lesson under the "Daily Readings" of the International Bible Reading Association, these are recommended. However, since the end sought is the impression God's word makes upon us when we read it, you are at liberty to choose the portion of scripture you will read daily. All we ask is that you adopt some plan of scripture reading and carry out your plan faithfully. We read in Matt. 24 that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Let us feed upon the "succulent" of the word that we may grow thereby.

Yes, you will be welcomed to our Christmas entertainment. We have made considerable effort to furnish you a pleasing and instructive hour. Come and enjoy the evening with us. The services will be at our church on the evening of Dec. 24.

Do not neglect, Presbyterians, the call of the Home Mission board for at least 40 cents from each member of the church. Since we are looking to "the Board" for help and have made our arrangements accordingly, we are under obligations to do this. This offering should have been taken last month. Now is our best time. Next month we will leave the call of the Board of Foreign Missions. Please remember that when we are spending this year the money gathered last year we must pay it this year. The money we will need to spend next year. Appointments in the church are always made one year ahead.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening. The services will be in keeping with the day. The subject of the morning discourse will be "Christmas Morning." At the evening service the pastor will speak of "Christmas Evening." Come and worship with us. We shall try to help you if you will come.

The Christian Endeavor song for Christmas afternoon will be, "The Born in Us Today." The scripture lesson will be found in Eph. 6:1-21. The service will be held in the Presbyterian church at 5 p.m. Come, young people, and help in this good work. It is your work. You cannot afford to neglect it. Just as your preparation for your Christmas exercises will enable you to see well your part at the entertainment, so will your efforts here help to fit you for your place in the church of tomorrow. Come!

REV. DRISCOL, PASTOR.

His partners with the girl who looks in wonder in the crowd are passing through the crowded lines who see and hear their love and goodbye forever.—Kansas City Post.

Notice of Shareholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Zion will be held at the banking house in Zion, Boone township, Missouri, on Monday, January 2, 1911, being the first Monday in said month, as provided by the by-laws of said bank, to receive the balance of accounts, to elect the board of directors and to transact the business of said bank, for the election of six directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may be properly proposed before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of December, 1910.

JAMES KING, President.
SAMUEL FEIN, Cashier.

Notice of Shareholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Hollinger County Bank will be held at the banking house in Liberty, Boone township, Missouri, on Monday, December 26, 1910, being the fourth Monday in said month, as provided by the by-laws of said bank, to receive the balance of accounts, to elect the board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may be properly proposed before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of December, 1910.

C. M. WINTER, President.
P. M. WELLS, Cashier.

One-Week Bargain

The Town-A-Week Republic of St. Louis, Mo., is making a special Christmas offer of a three-year subscription to their paper for \$3.00. This rate will positively not be made after December 31, 1910. Any number of subscriptions will be accepted at this low price while the rate is in effect, from December 1st to the 15th, but positively no premiums in cash commissions will be allowed. The \$3.00 price is absolutely final.

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